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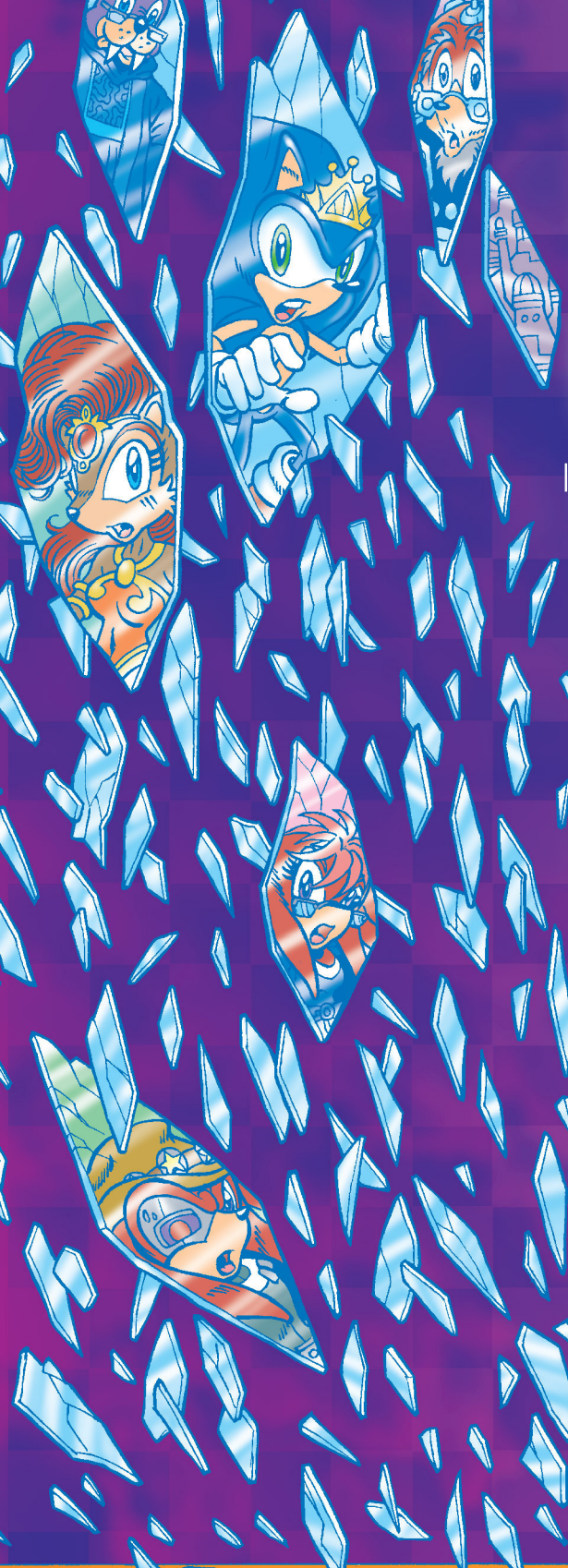

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AS KNUCKLES PREPARES TO MEET UP WITH KING SONIC ON A MISSION OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE FUTURE SURVIVAL OF MOBIUS AND ALL ITS INHABITANTS, THERE IS STILL A PERSONAL DETAIL OR TWO YET TO BE DEALT WITH...

--AND I'VE DISCOVERED HOW *WRONG* I'VE BEEN!

WHAT I *THOUGHT* WAS *RIGHT*, WELL...I WAS JUST *REPEATING* PAST MISTAKES--

--SO I'VE *RECON-SIDERED* YOUR REQUEST!

YOU *MEAN*--

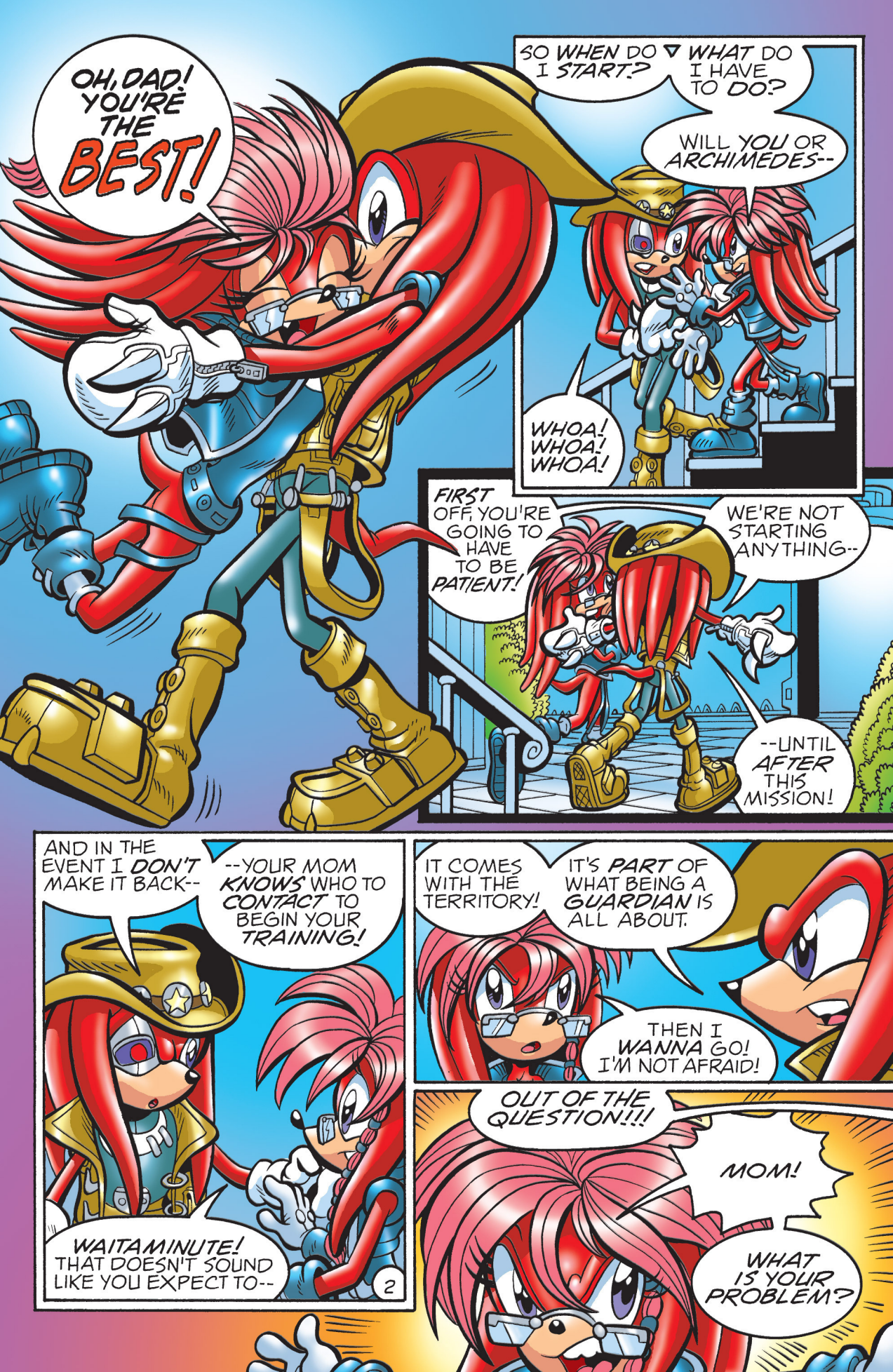
YOU'RE *GOING* TO BE THE *NEXT* GUARDIAN!

MOM SAID YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, DAD?

YEAH, LARA-SU!

SINCE VISITING YOUR *GRANDFATHER* --WHOM I WILL *ALWAYS* REGRET YOU *NEVER* MET--

--I'VE BEEN DOING SOME *SERIOUS* THINKING THE PAST SEVERAL HOURS--


OH, DAD! YOU'RE THE BEST!
SO WHEN DO I START?
WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?
WILL YOU OR ARCHIMEDES--
WHOA! WHOA! WHOA!
FIRST OFF, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO BE PATIENT!
WE'RE NOT STARTING ANYTHING--
--UNTIL AFTER THIS MISSION!
AND IN THE EVENT I DON'T MAKE IT BACK--
--YOUR MOM KNOWS WHO TO CONTACT TO BEGIN YOUR TRAINING!
WAITAMINUTE! THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE YOU EXPECT TO--
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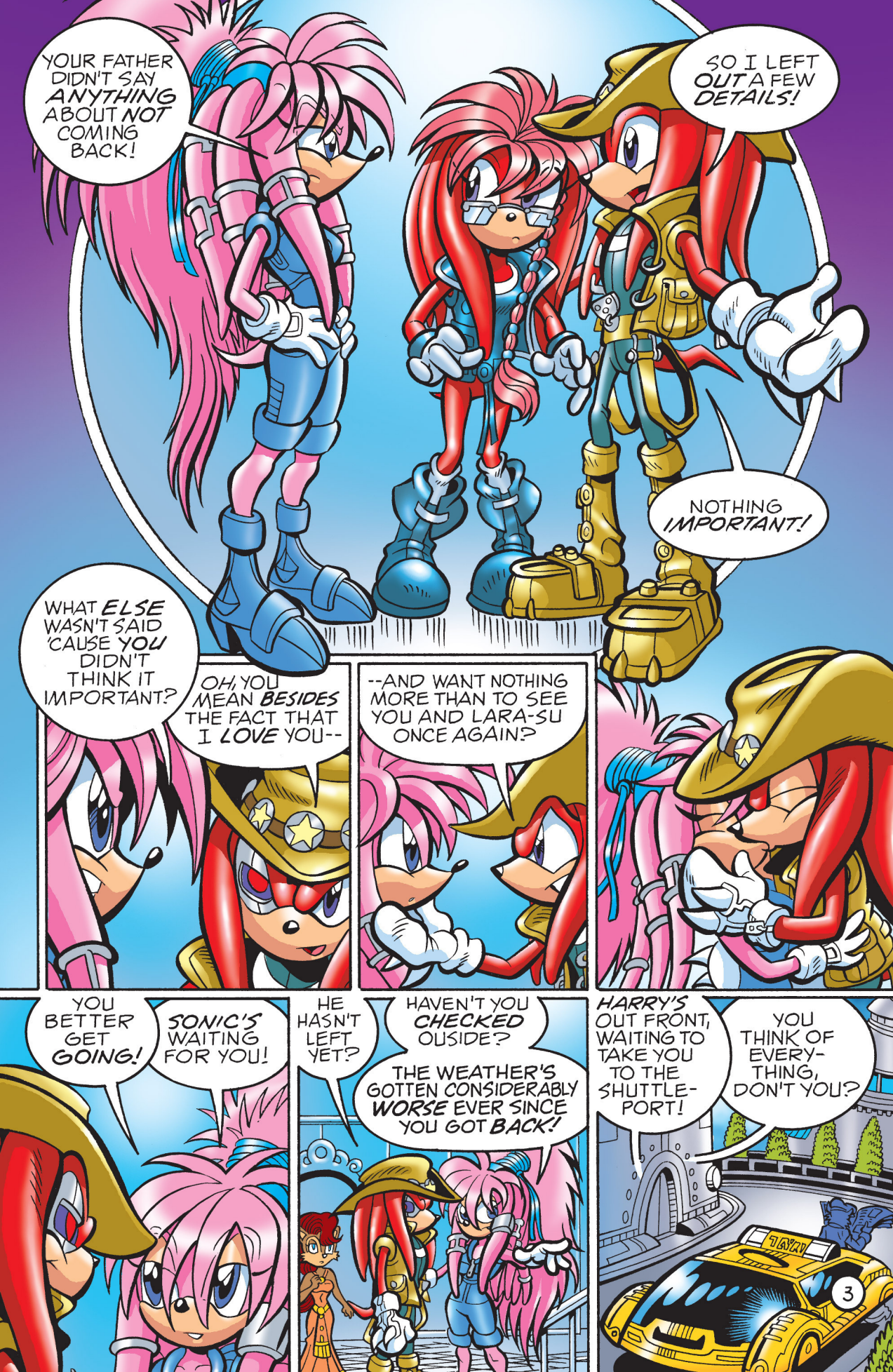
IT COMES WITH THE TERRITORY!
IT'S PART OF WHAT BEING A GUARDIAN IS ALL ABOUT.
THEN I WANNA GO! I'M NOT AFRAID!
OUT OF THE QUESTION!!!
MOM!
WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM?


YOUR FATHER DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT NOT COMING BACK!
SO I LEFT OUT A FEW DETAILS!
NOTHING IMPORTANT!
WHAT ELSE WASN'T SAID 'CAUSE YOU DIDN'T THINK IT IMPORTANT?
OH, YOU MEAN BESIDES THE FACT THAT I LOVE YOU--
--AND WANT NOTHING MORE THAN TO SEE YOU AND LARA-SU ONCE AGAIN?
YOU BETTER GET GOING!
SONIC'S WAITING FOR YOU!
HE HASN'T LEFT YET?
HAVEN'T YOU CHECKED OUSIDE?
THE WEATHER'S GOTTEN CONSIDERABLY WORSE EVER SINCE YOU GOT BACK!
HARRY'S OUT FRONT, WAITING TO TAKE YOU TO THE SHUTTLE-PORT!
YOU THINK OF EVERY-THING, DON'T YOU?
TAXI
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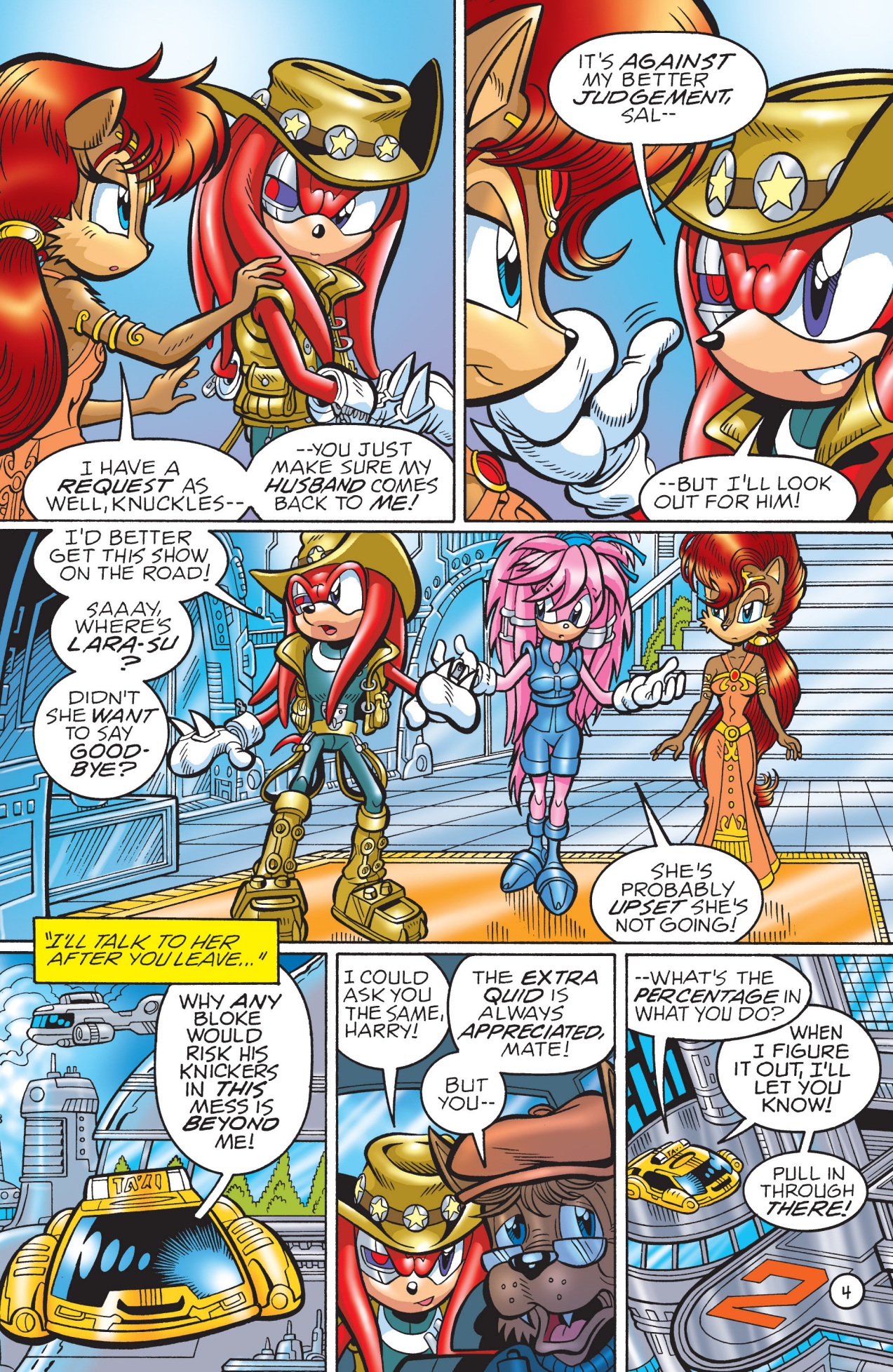
I HAVE A REQUEST AS WELL, KNUCKLES--
--YOU JUST MAKE SURE MY HUSBAND COMES BACK TO ME!
IT'S AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGEMENT, SAL--
--BUT I'LL LOOK OUT FOR HIM!
I'D BETTER GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!
SAAAY, WHERE'S LARA-SU?
DIDN'T SHE WANT TO SAY GOOD-BYE?
SHE'S PROBABLY UPSET SHE'S NOT GOING!
"I'LL TALK TO HER AFTER YOU LEAVE..."
WHY ANY BLOKE WOULD RISK HIS KNICKERS IN THIS MESS IS BEYOND ME!
TAXI
I COULD ASK YOU THE SAME, HARRY!
THE EXTRA QUID IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED, MATE!
BUT YOU--
--WHAT'S THE PERCENTAGE IN WHAT YOU DO?
WHEN I FIGURE IT OUT, I'LL LET YOU KNOW!
PULL IN THROUGH THERE!
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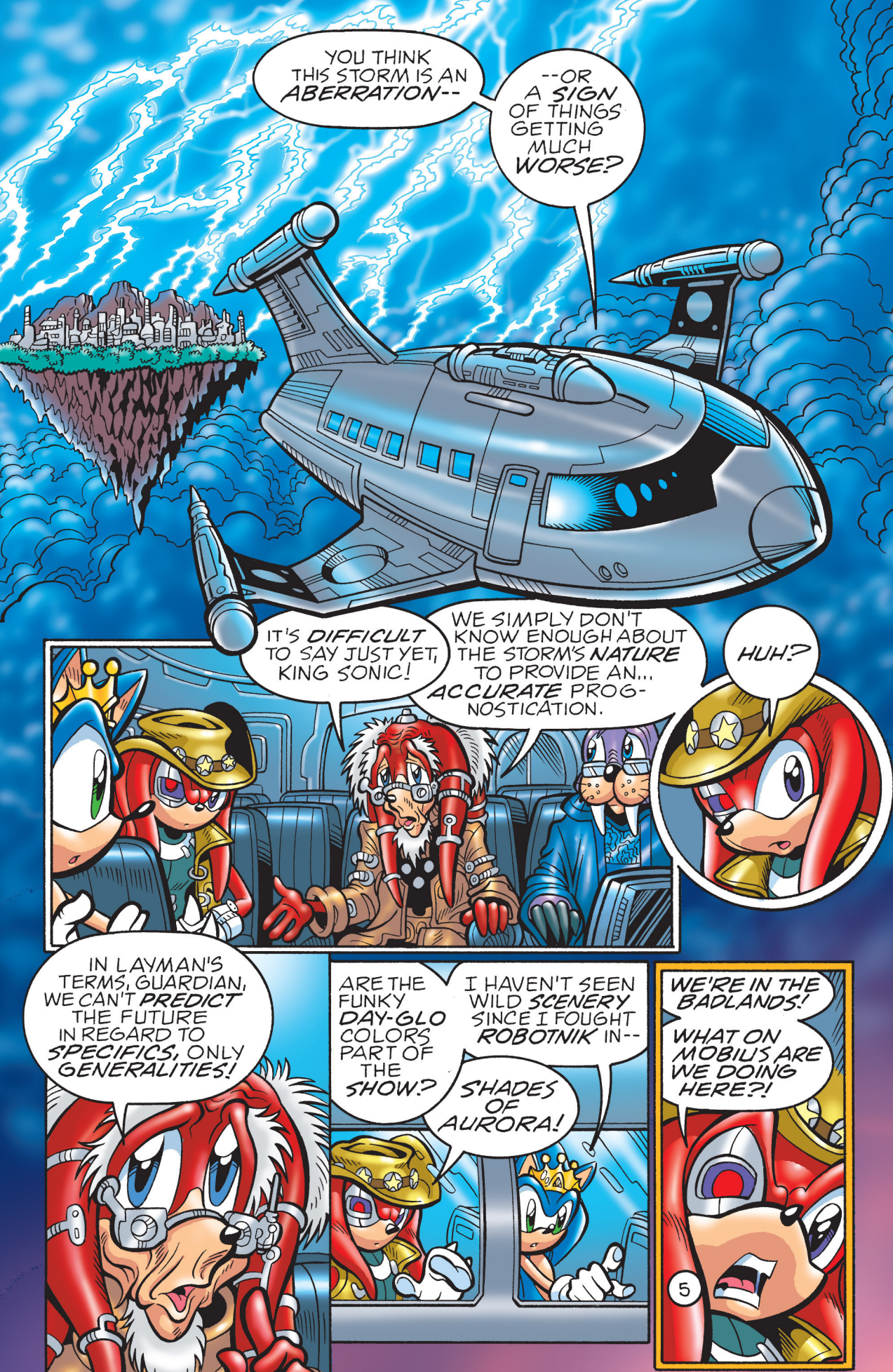
YOU THINK THIS STORM IS AN ABERRATION--
--OR A SIGN OF THINGS GETTING MUCH WORSE?
IT'S DIFFICULT TO SAY JUST YET, KING SONIC!
WE SIMPLY DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THE STORM'S NATURE TO PROVIDE AN... ACCURATE PROG-NOSTICATION.
HUH?
IN LAYMAN'S TERMS, GUARDIAN, WE CAN'T PREDICT THE FUTURE IN REGARD TO SPECIFICS, ONLY GENERALITIES!
ARE THE FUNKY DAY-GLO COLORS PART OF THE SHOW?
I HAVEN'T SEEN WILD SCENERY SINCE I FOUGHT ROBOTNIK IN--
SHADES OF AURORA!
WE'RE IN THE BADLANDS!
WHAT ON MOBIUS ARE WE DOING HERE?!
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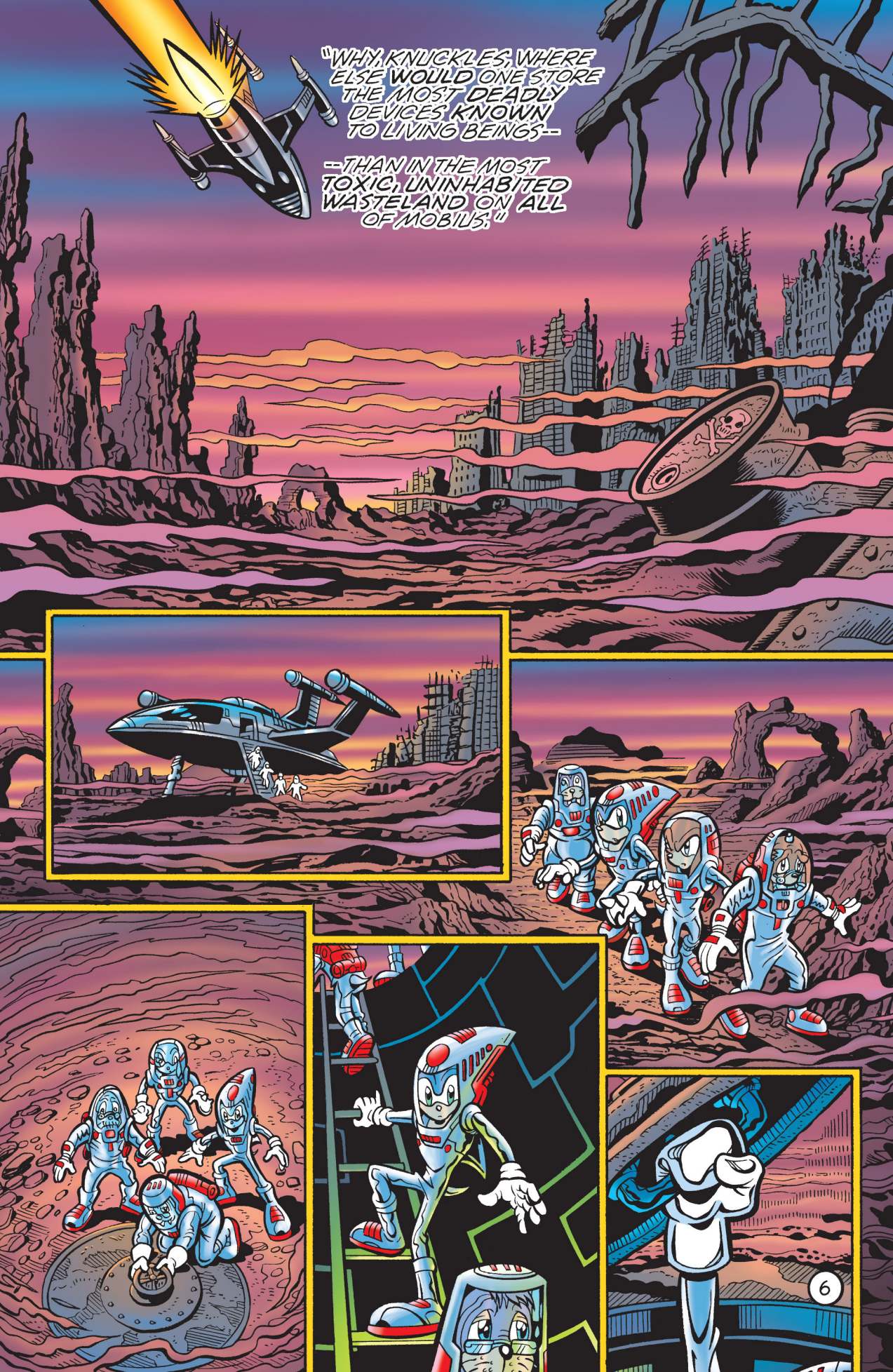
"WHY, KNUCKLES, WHERE ELSE WOULD ONE STORE THE MOST DEADLY DEVICES KNOWN TO LIVING BEINGS--
--THAN IN THE MOST TOXIC, UNINHABITED WASTELAND ON ALL OF MOBIUS."
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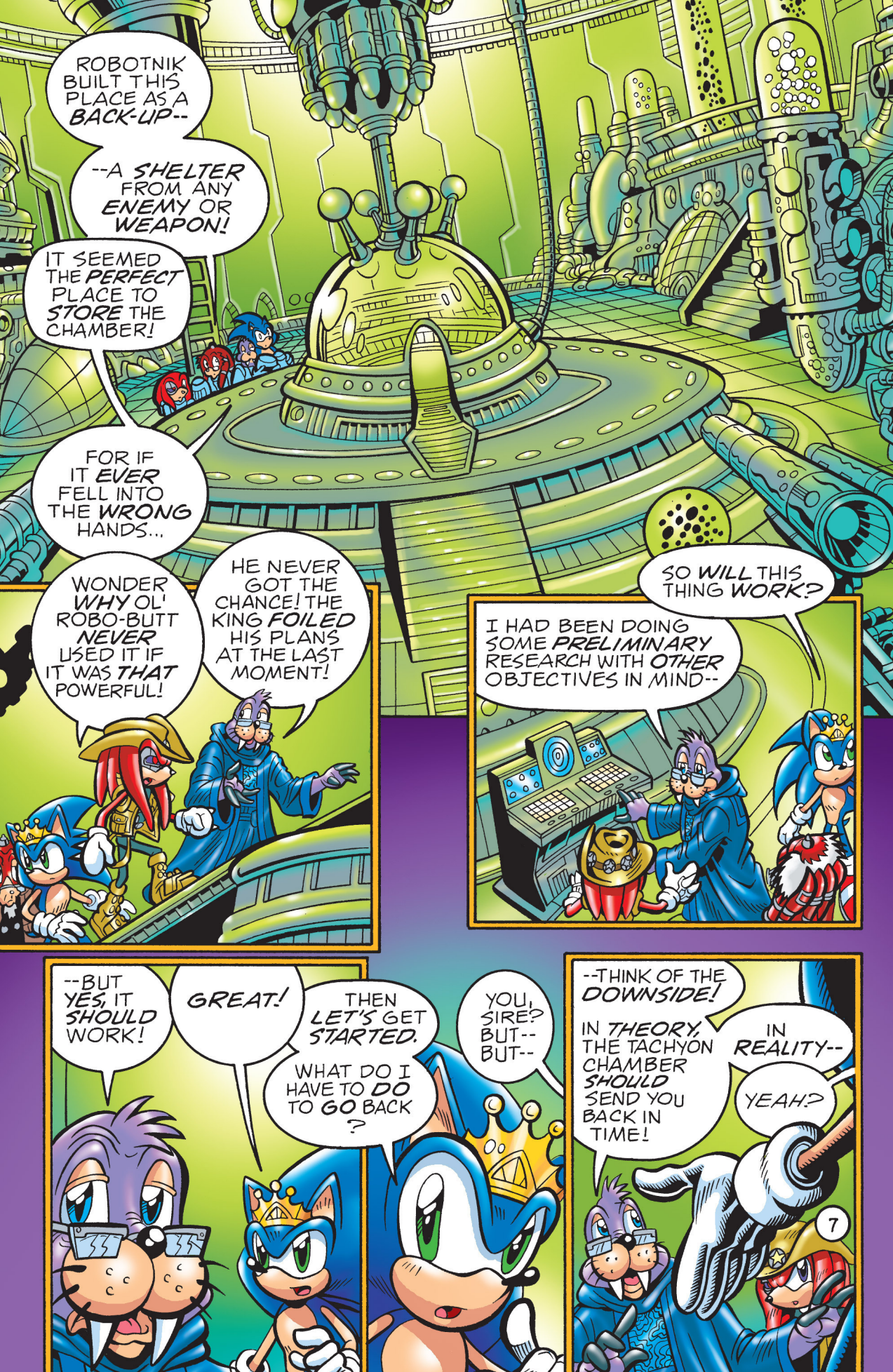
ROBOTNIK BUILT THIS PLACE AS A BACK-UP--
--A SHELTER FROM ANY ENEMY OR WEAPON!
IT SEEMED THE PERFECT PLACE TO STORE THE CHAMBER!
FOR IF IT EVER FELL INTO THE WRONG HANDS...
WONDER WHY OL' ROBO-BUTT NEVER USED IT IF IT WAS THAT POWERFUL!
HE NEVER GOT THE CHANCE! THE KING FOILED HIS PLANS AT THE LAST MOMENT!
SO WILL THIS THING WORK?
I HAD BEEN DOING SOME PRELIMINARY RESEARCH WITH OTHER OBJECTIVES IN MIND--
--BUT YES, IT SHOULD WORK!
GREAT!
THEN LET'S GET STARTED.
WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO GO BACK ?
YOU, SIRE? BUT-- BUT--
--THINK OF THE DOWNSIDE!
IN THEORY, THE TACHYON CHAMBER SHOULD SEND YOU BACK IN TIME!
IN REALITY--
YEAH?
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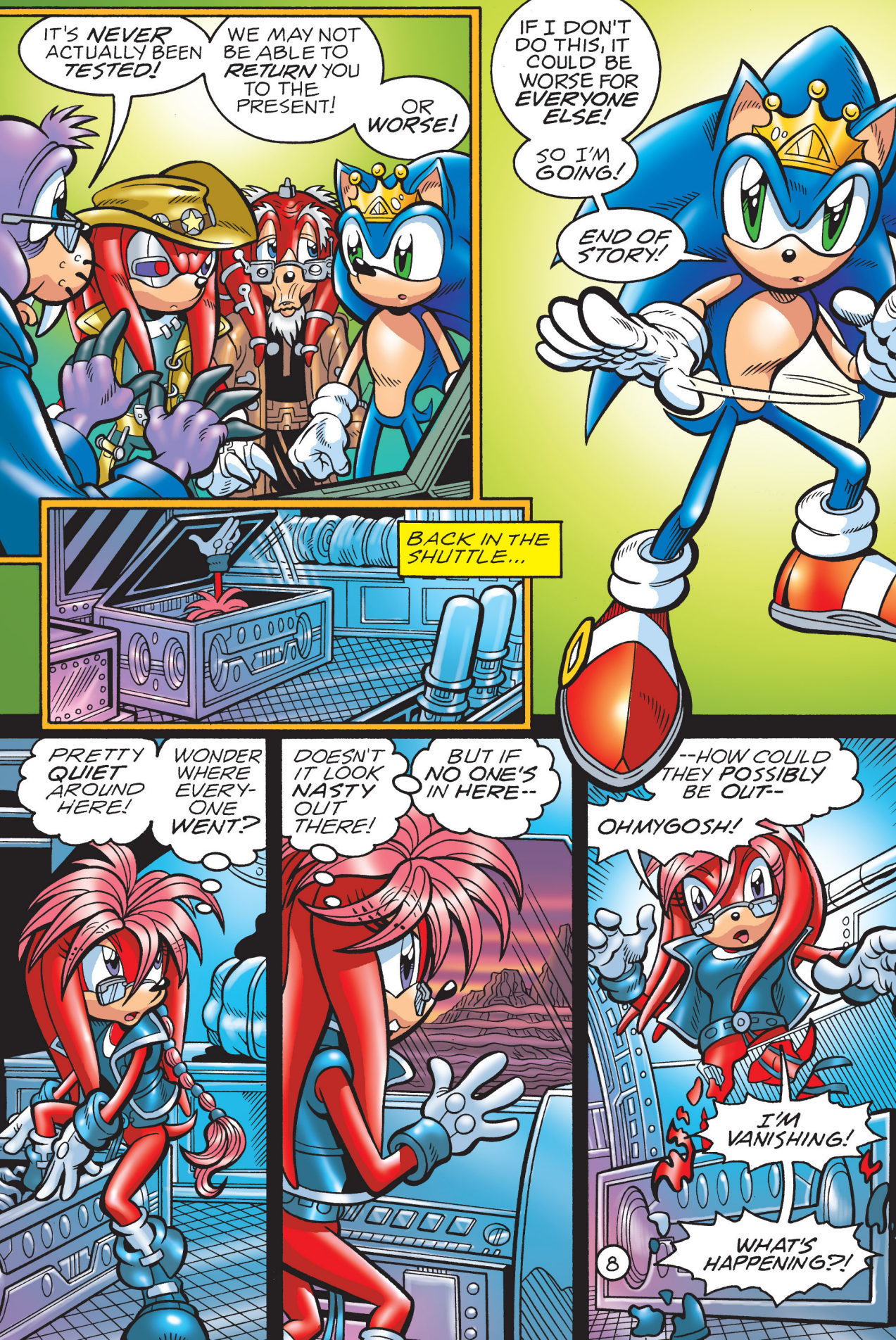
IT'S NEVER ACTUALLY BEEN TESTED!
WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN YOU TO THE PRESENT!
OR WORSE!
IF I DON'T DO THIS, IT COULD BE WORSE FOR EVERYONE ELSE!
SO I'M GOING!
END OF STORY!
BACK IN THE SHUTTLE...
PRETTY QUIET AROUND HERE!
WONDER WHERE EVERY-ONE WENT?
DOESN'T IT LOOK NASTY OUT THERE!
BUT IF NO ONE'S IN HERE--
--HOW COULD THEY POSSIBLY BE OUT--
OHMYGOSH!
I'M VANISHING!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
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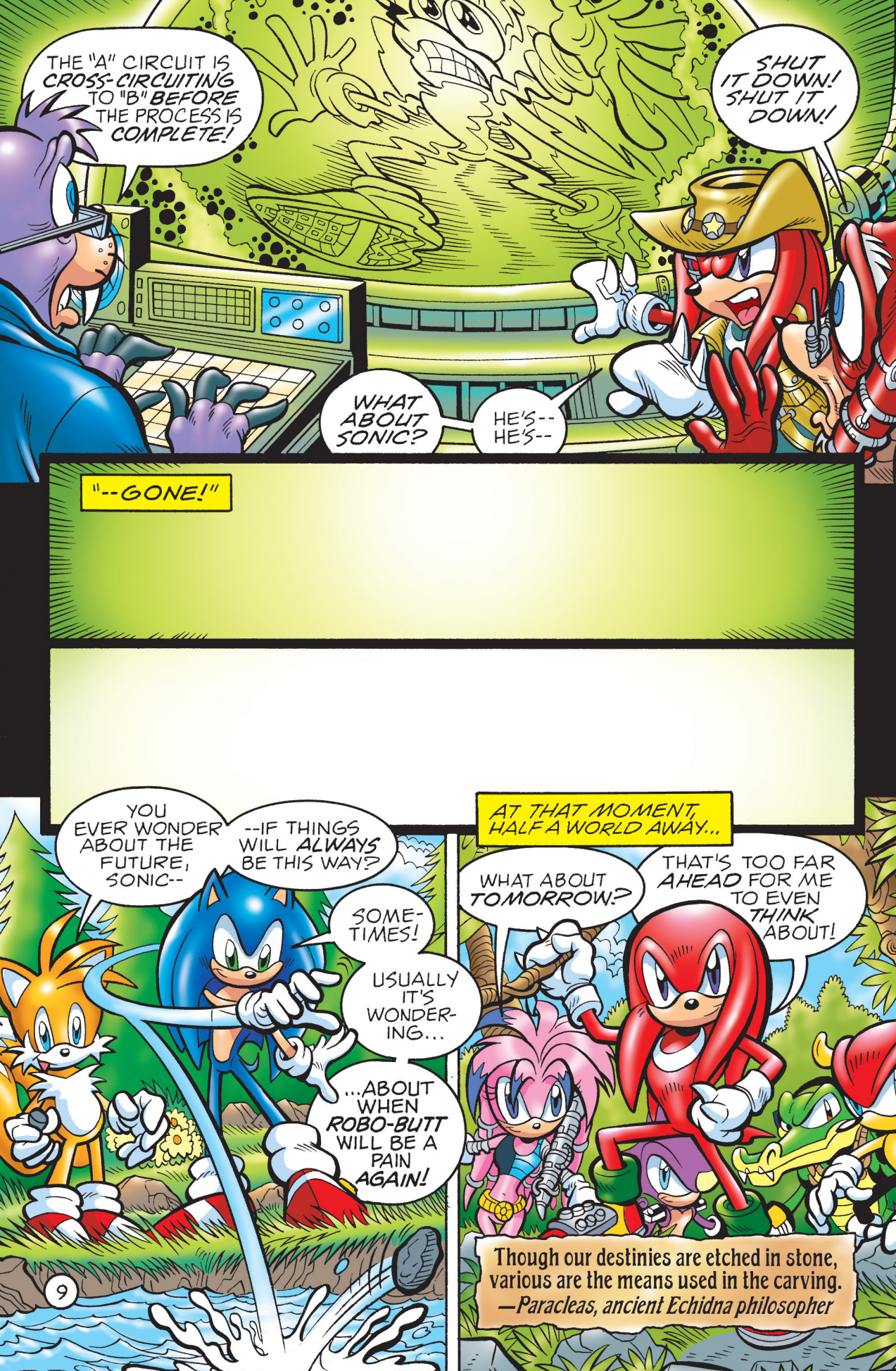
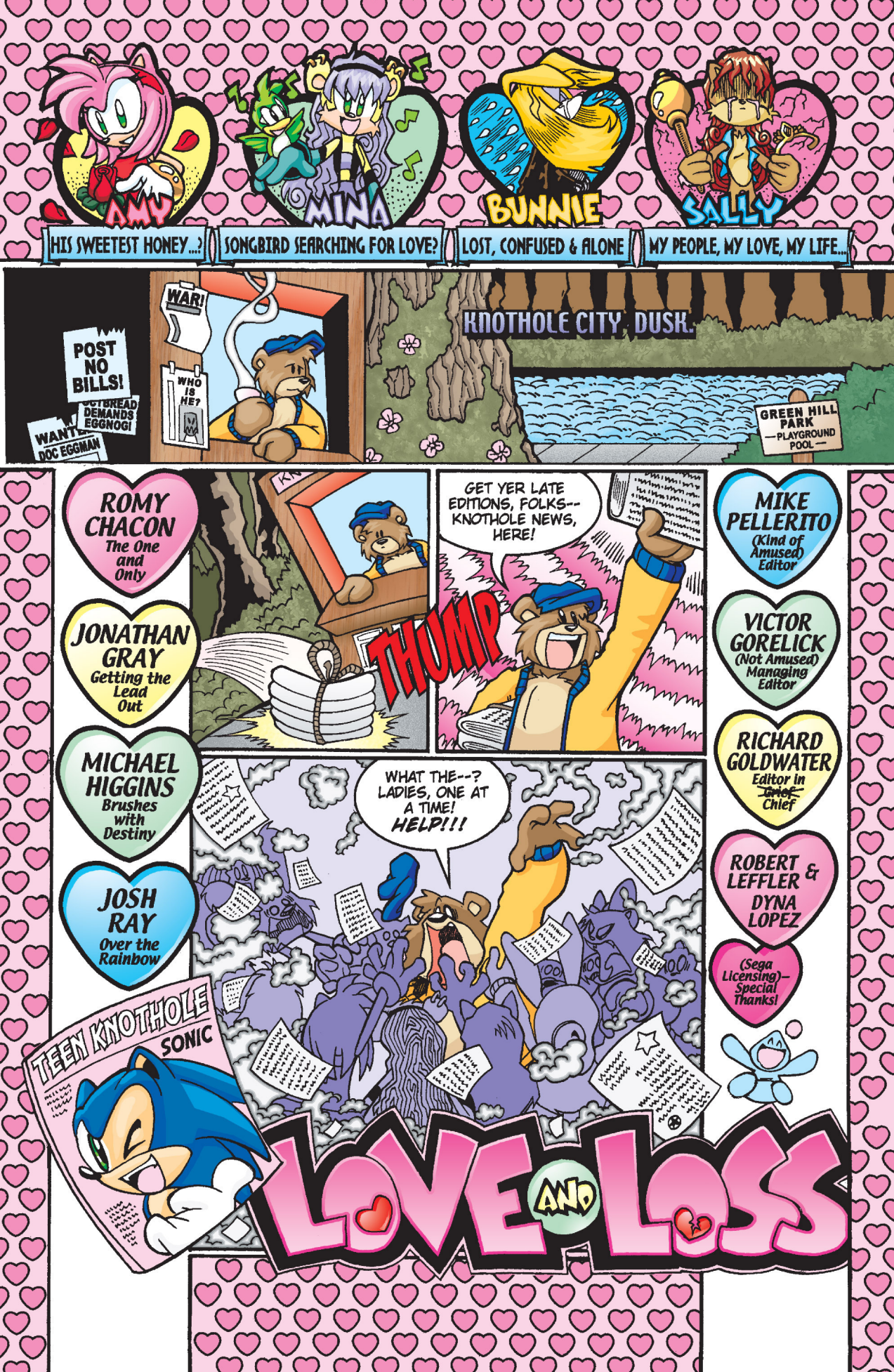

THE "A" CIRCUIT IS CROSS-CIRCUITING TO "B" BEFORE THE PROCESS IS COMPLETE!
SHUT IT DOWN! SHUT IT DOWN!
WHAT ABOUT SONIC?
HE'S-- HE'S--
"--GONE!"
YOU EVER WONDER ABOUT THE FUTURE, SONIC--
--IF THINGS WILL ALWAYS BE THIS WAY?
SOME-TIMES!
USUALLY IT'S WONDER-ING...
...ABOUT WHEN ROBO-BUTT WILL BE A PAIN AGAIN!
AT THAT MOMENT, HALF A WORLD AWAY...
WHAT ABOUT TOMORROW?
THAT'S TOO FAR AHEAD FOR ME TO EVEN THINK ABOUT!
Though our destinies are etched in stone, various are the means used in the carving.
—Paracleas, ancient Echidna philosopher


AMY
MINA
BUNNIE
SALLY
HIS SWEETEST HONEY...?
SONGBIRD SEARCHING FOR LOVE?
LOST, CONFUSED & ALONE
MY PEOPLE, MY LOVE, MY LIFE...
POST NO BILLS!
WAR!
WHO IS HE?
WANTED DOC EGGMAN
KNOTHOLE CITY, DUSK.
GREEN HILL PARK —PLAYGROUND POOL—
ROMY CHACON The One and Only
JONATHAN GRAY Getting the Lead Out
MICHAEL HIGGINS Brushes with Destiny
JOSH RAY Over the Rainbow
THUMP
GET YER LATE EDITIONS, FOLKS-- KNOTHOLE NEWS, HERE!
WHAT THE--? LADIES, ONE AT A TIME! HELP!!!
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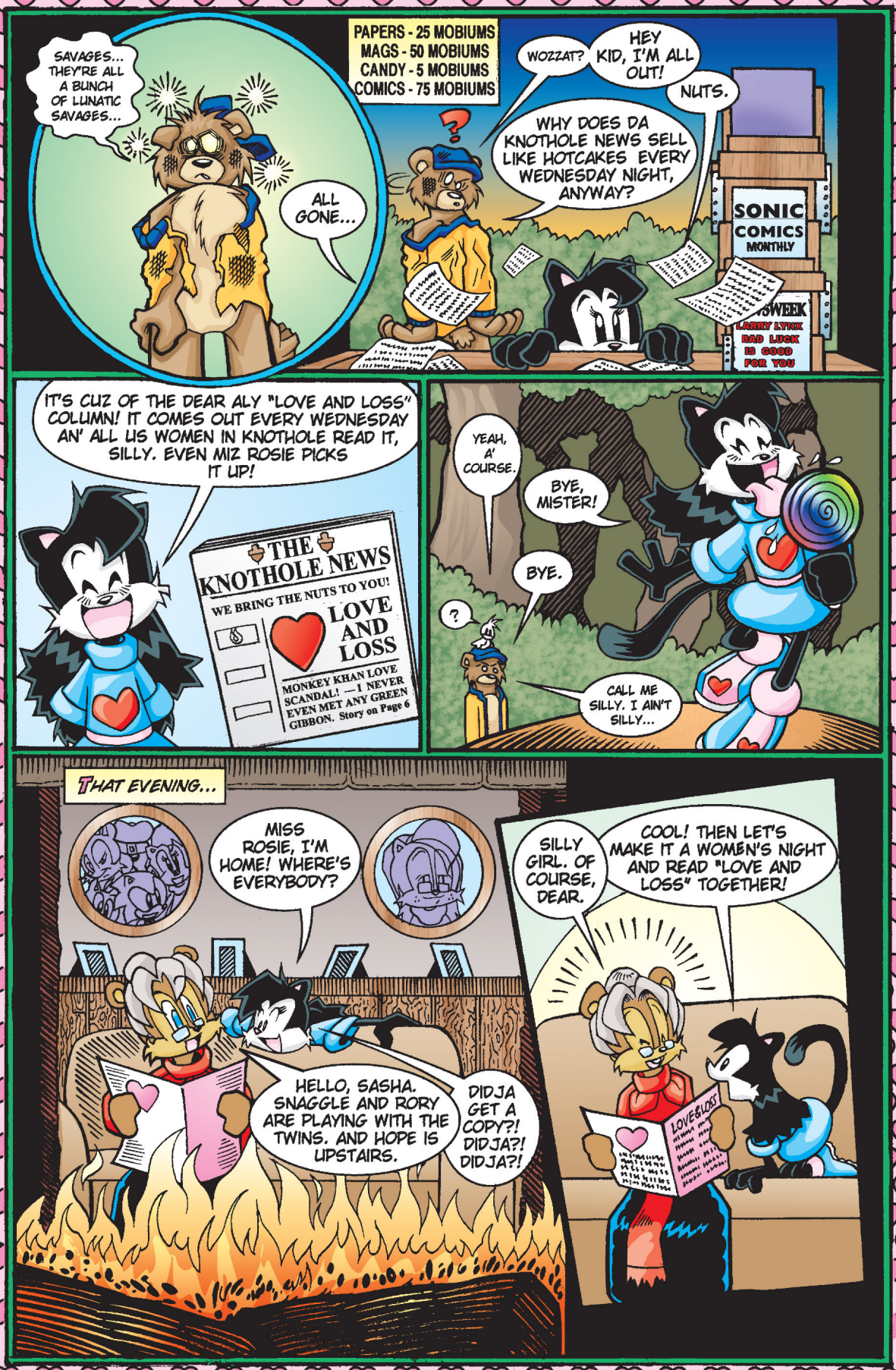
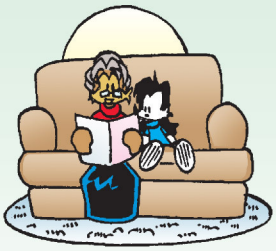
TEEN KNOTHOLE SONIC
LOVE AND LOSS


SAVAGES... THEY'RE ALL A BUNCH OF LUNATIC SAVAGES...
ALL GONE...
PAPERS - 25 MOBIUMS
MAGS - 50 MOBIUMS
CANDY - 5 MOBIUMS
COMICS - 75 MOBIUMS
WOZZAT?
HEY KID, I'M ALL OUT!
NUTS.
WHY DOES DA KNOTHOLE NEWS SELL LIKE HOTCAKES EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT, ANYWAY?
SONIC COMICS MONTHLY
LARRY LYNX BAD LUCK IS GOOD FOR YOU
IT'S CUZ OF THE DEAR ALY "LOVE AND LOSS" COLUMN! IT COMES OUT EVERY WEDNESDAY AN' ALL US WOMEN IN KNOTHOLE READ IT, SILLY. EVEN MIZ ROSIE PICKS IT UP!
THE KNOTHOLE NEWS
WE BRING THE NUTS TO YOU!
LOVE AND LOSS
MONKEY KHAN LOVE SCANDAL! — I NEVER EVEN MET ANY GREEN GIBBON. Story on Page 6
YEAH, A' COURSE.
BYE, MISTER!
BYE.
?
CALL ME SILLY. I AIN'T SILLY...
THAT EVENING...
MISS ROSIE, I'M HOME! WHERE'S EVERYBODY?
HELLO, SASHA. SNAGGLE AND RORY ARE PLAYING WITH THE TWINS. AND HOPE IS UPSTAIRS.
DIDJA GET A COPY?! DIDJA?! DIDJA?!
SILLY GIRL. OF COURSE, DEAR.
COOL! THEN LET'S MAKE IT A WOMEN'S NIGHT AND READ "LOVE AND LOSS" TOGETHER!
LOVE&LOSS



Dear Aly,

I am deeply in love with this guy and he loves me, too... at least I thought he did. We had been together for a while, and were happy. Then some time ago, something changed between us.

I'd like to think that it was just him, but I changed too. Every time we saw each other---

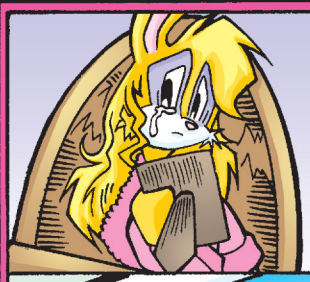
--we'd avoid each other like the plague and sometimes things between us would get verbally nasty.

I thought I hated him. But then he left and now I find that I miss him. I want it to be the way it was, but it can't.

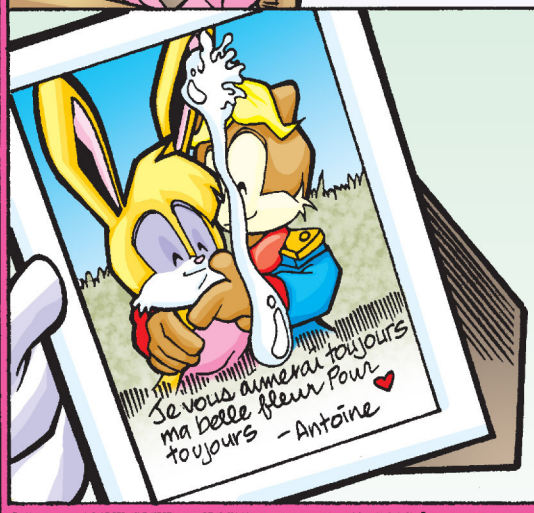
A lot of times,when I'm alone, I find myself thinking about him.

I miss his company, his funny way of talking. I miss sitting with him under the stars and knowing who loved me regardless of my appearance. I feel like my whole world has fallen apart. Aly, what can I do?

Feeling Terribly Alone



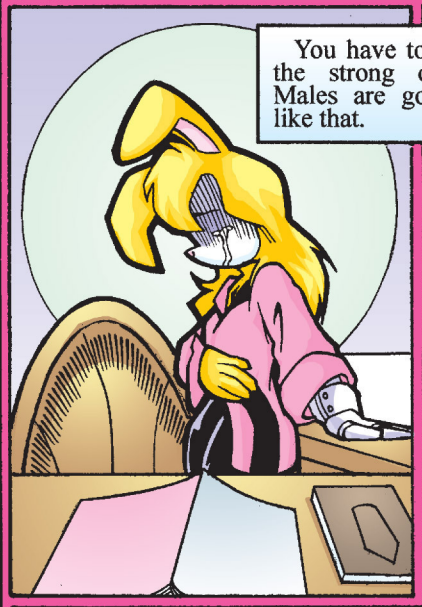
Dear Terribly Alone,
I'm sorry to hear of your troubles. It sounds to me like you don't know whether you're coming or going with this guy. Sometimes, bad things happen which make even the best of us forget what we once had. Perhaps this is the case with your ex...

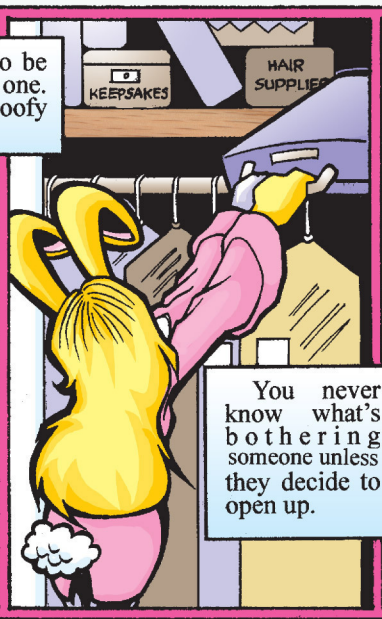


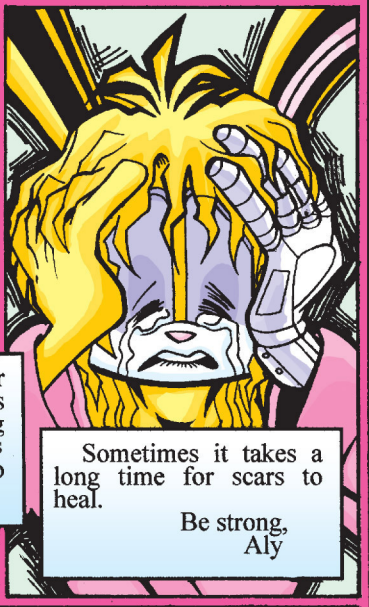
You should go back to square one and win each other's trust. You two stopped communicating. With that said, do the opposite: TALK! You need to go find him and tell him exactly how you feel.

In this case, take a militaristic approach. Be straight and up front. If he tries to push you back, be covert, not sneaky. Always wondering what could have been is far worse than any embarrassment from a rejection.

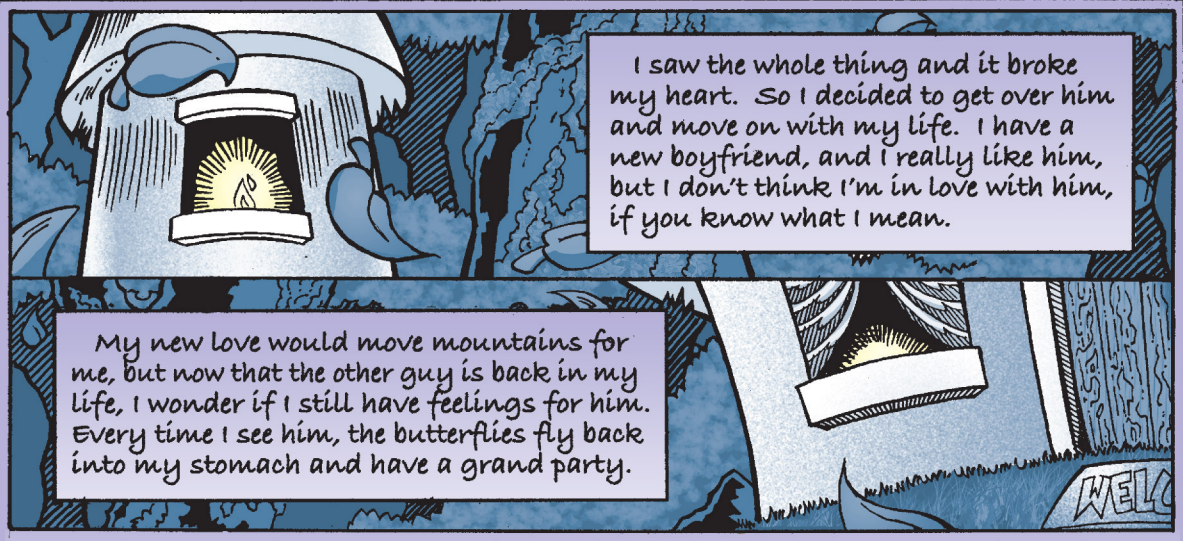
To expect a male to come to you to talk about their feelings is not real life, ladies.



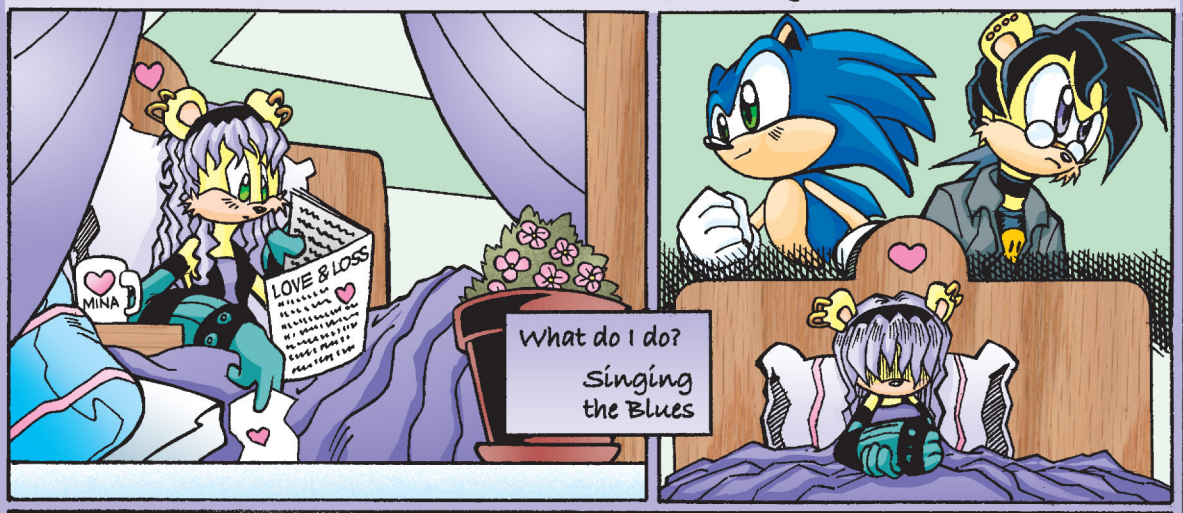


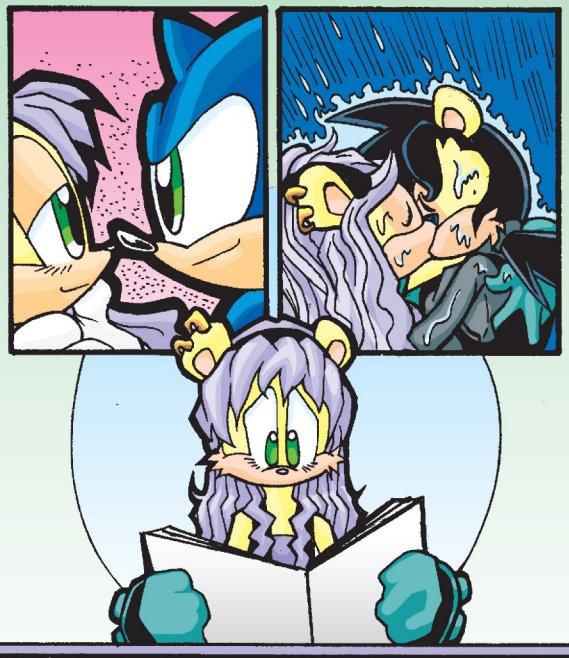


Dear Aly,
There is this guy I love who is in love with someone else. I tried to get him to notice me and I thought it worked, but then he admitted his love for this other person and she did the same back.


I saw the whole thing and it broke my heart. So I decided to get over him and move on with my life. I have a new boyfriend, and I really like him, but I don't think I'm in love with him, if you know what I mean.
My new love would move mountains for me, but now that the other guy is back in my life, I wonder if I still have feelings for him. Every time I see him, the butterflies fly back into my stomach and have a grand party.

Now I found out this guy broke up with his girl. My mind wants me to break it off with my boyfriend to try and be with the other guy, but my heart tells me that's not right. I don't think I should ruin what I have now for something that may never be mine.

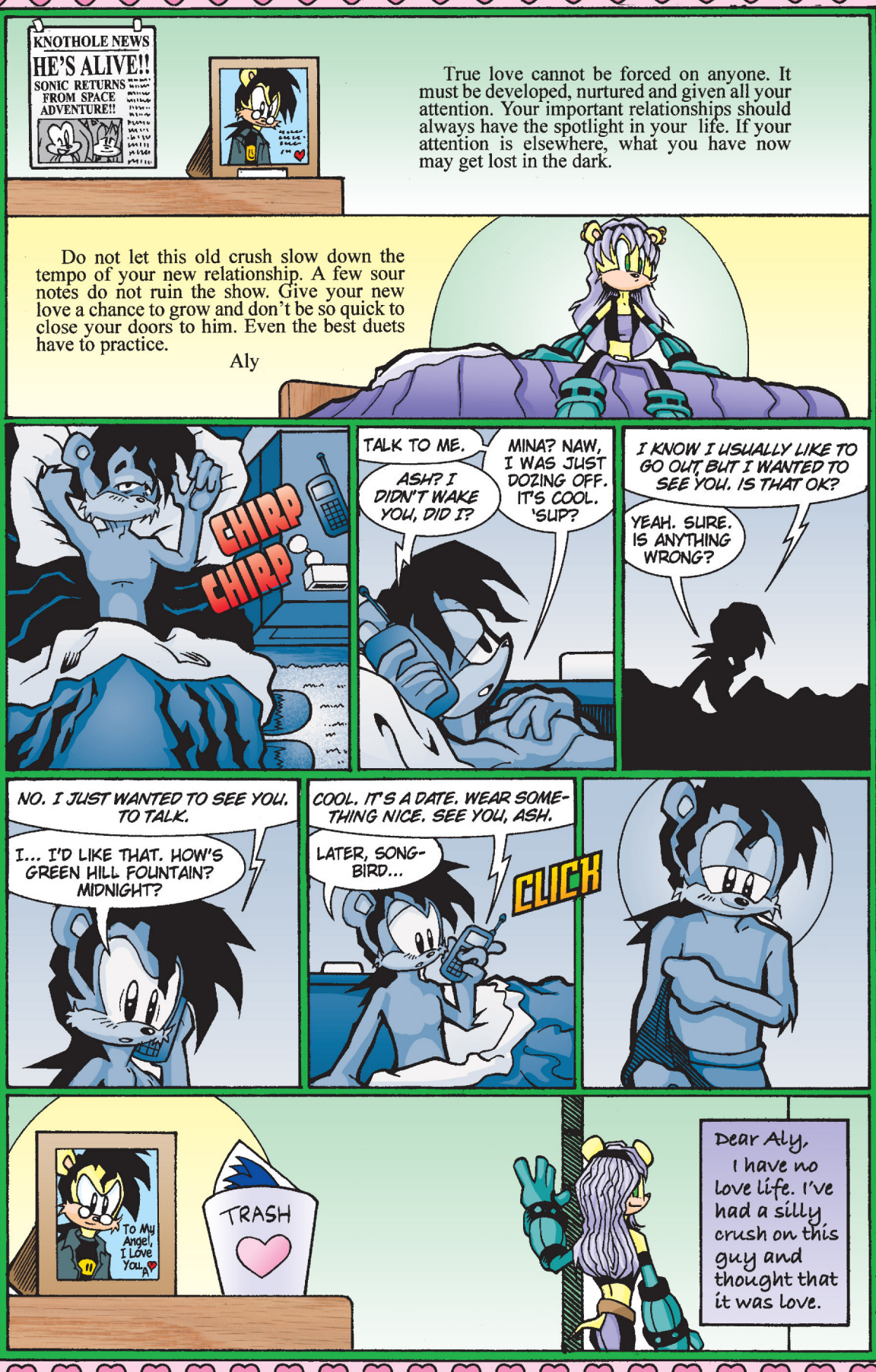




Dear Singing the Blues,

On the stage of life you can never tell what role others will play in your story. Be fair and honest with yourself and those that come into your life. Otherwise, unless you start treating them with the same respect and honesty you expect, you may end up singing solo.

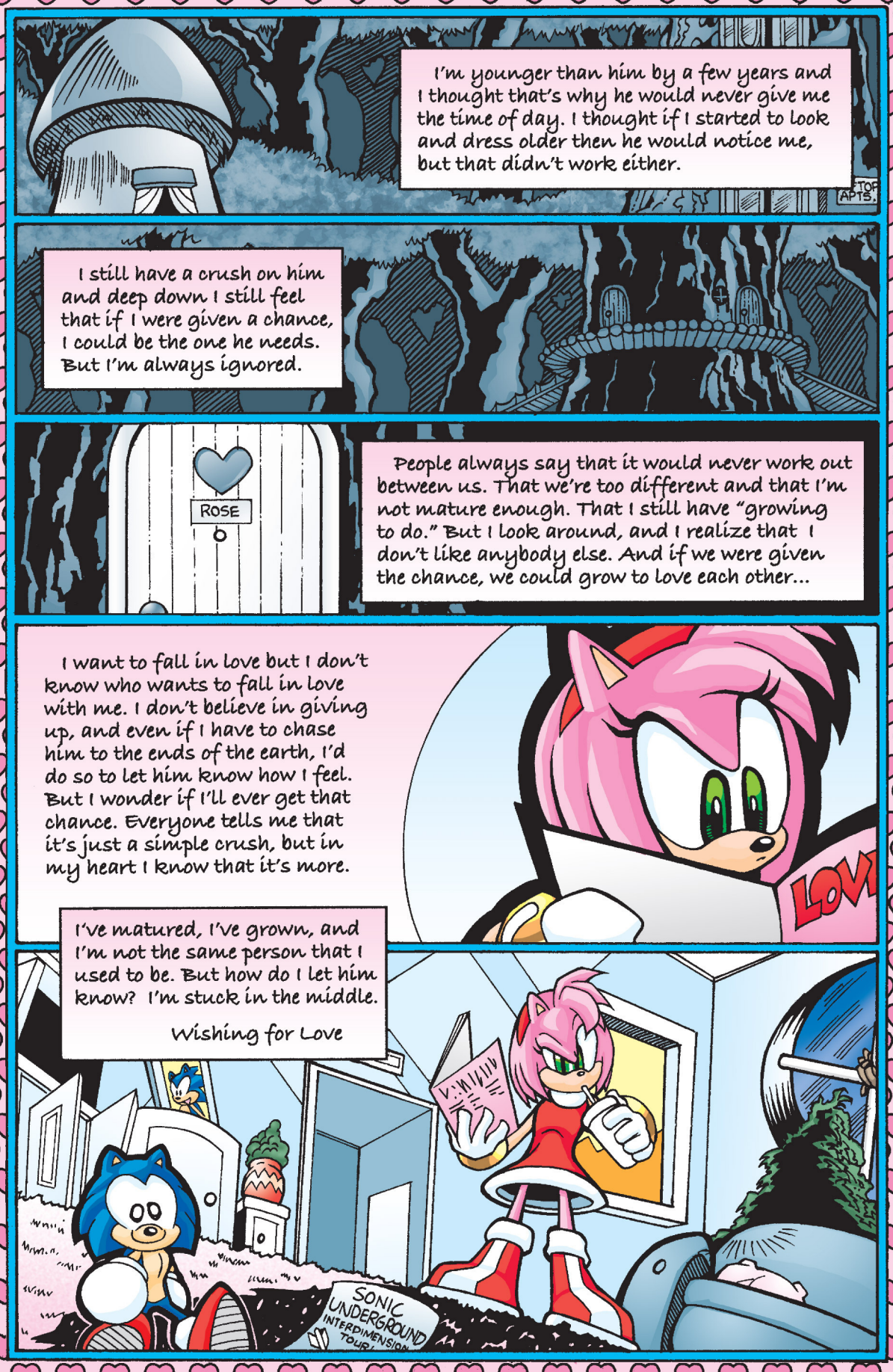
Look at what you have now, compare it with what you had then, and take note. It's easy to confuse true love for true friendship...

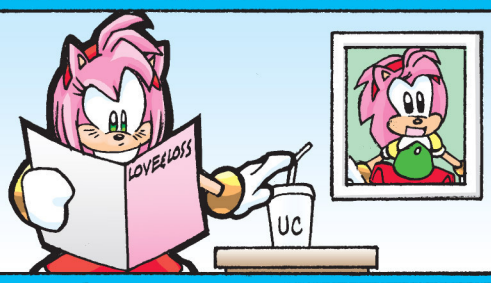

KNOTHOLE NEWS
HE'S ALIVE!!
SONIC RETURNS FROM SPACE ADVENTURE!!
To My Angel, I Love You, A
TRASH
CHIRP CHIRP
TALK TO ME.
ASH? I DIDN'T WAKE YOU, DID I?
MINA? NAW, I WAS JUST DOZING OFF. IT'S COOL. 'SUP?
I KNOW I USUALLY LIKE TO GO OUT, BUT I WANTED TO SEE YOU. IS THAT OK?
YEAH. SURE. IS ANYTHING WRONG?
NO. I JUST WANTED TO SEE YOU. TO TALK.
I... I'D LIKE THAT. HOW'S GREEN HILL FOUNTAIN? MIDNIGHT?
COOL. IT'S A DATE. WEAR SOMETHING NICE. SEE YOU, ASH.
LATER, SONGBIRD...
CLICK
Dear Aly,
I have no love life. I've had a silly crush on this guy and thought that it was love.

True love cannot be forced on anyone. It must be developed, nurtured and given all your attention. Your important relationships should always have the spotlight in your life. If your attention is elsewhere, what you have now may get lost in the dark.

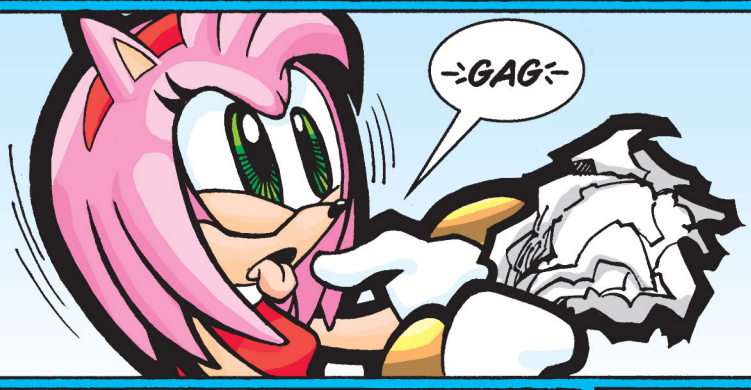
Do not let this old crush slow down the tempo of your new relationship. A few sour notes do not ruin the show. Give your new love a chance to grow and don't be so quick to close your doors to him. Even the best duets have to practice.

Aly

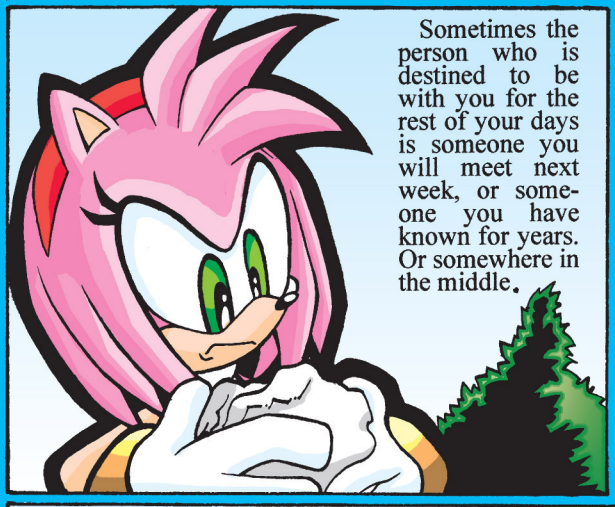

I'm younger than him by a few years and I thought that's why he would never give me the time of day. I thought if I started to look and dress older then he would notice me, but that didn't work either.
TOP APTS.
I still have a crush on him and deep down I still feel that if I were given a chance, I could be the one he needs. But I'm always ignored.
ROSE
People always say that it would never work out between us. That we're too different and that I'm not mature enough. That I still have "growing to do." But I look around, and I realize that I don't like anybody else. And if we were given the chance, we could grow to love each other...
I want to fall in love but I don't know who wants to fall in love with me. I don't believe in giving up, and even if I have to chase him to the ends of the earth, I'd do so to let him know how I feel. But I wonder if I'll ever get that chance. Everyone tells me that it's just a simple crush, but in my heart I know that it's more.
LOVE
I've matured, I've grown, and I'm not the same person that I used to be. But how do I let him know? I'm stuck in the middle.
Wishing for Love
SONIC UNDERGROUND INTERDIMENSIONAL TOUR!



Dear Wishing for Love,
From the sound of it, you are still young and in the prime of your life. Why rush it? You never want to rush love. No matter how stuck you feel, it happens at its own pace. When people go wishing for love, sometimes they end up finding it in the wrong places--

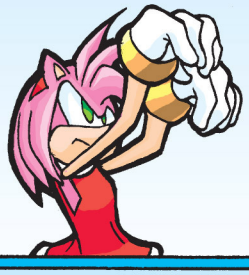


--I am sure you are rolling your eyes as you read this but please do not try to grow up too quickly. Try not to be so set on a silly crush, and when the right person comes along you will be ready.



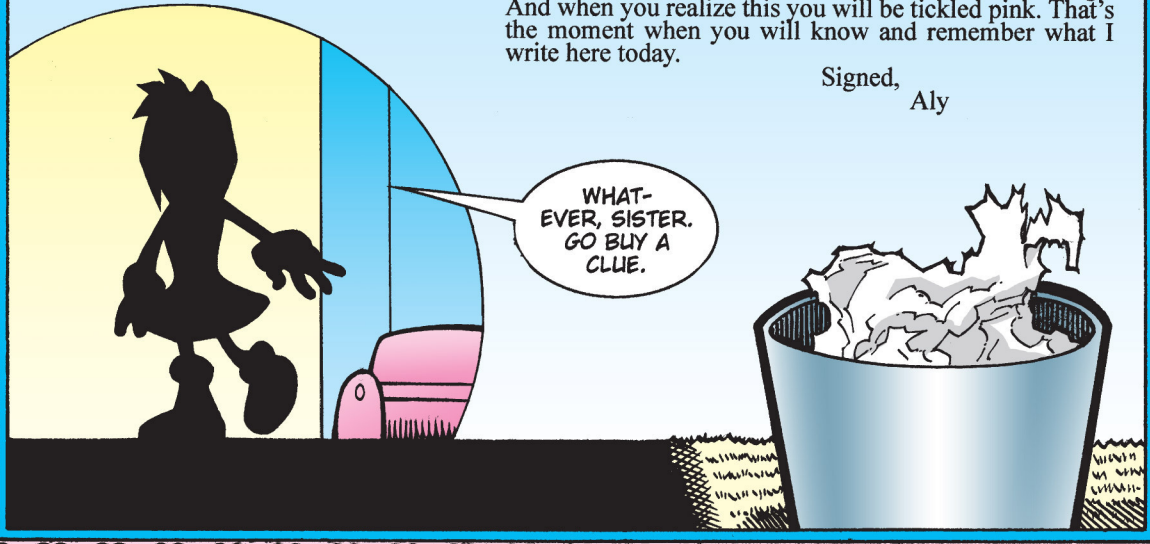
Sometimes the person who is destined to be with you for the rest of your days is someone you will meet next week, or someone you have known for years. Or somewhere in the middle.

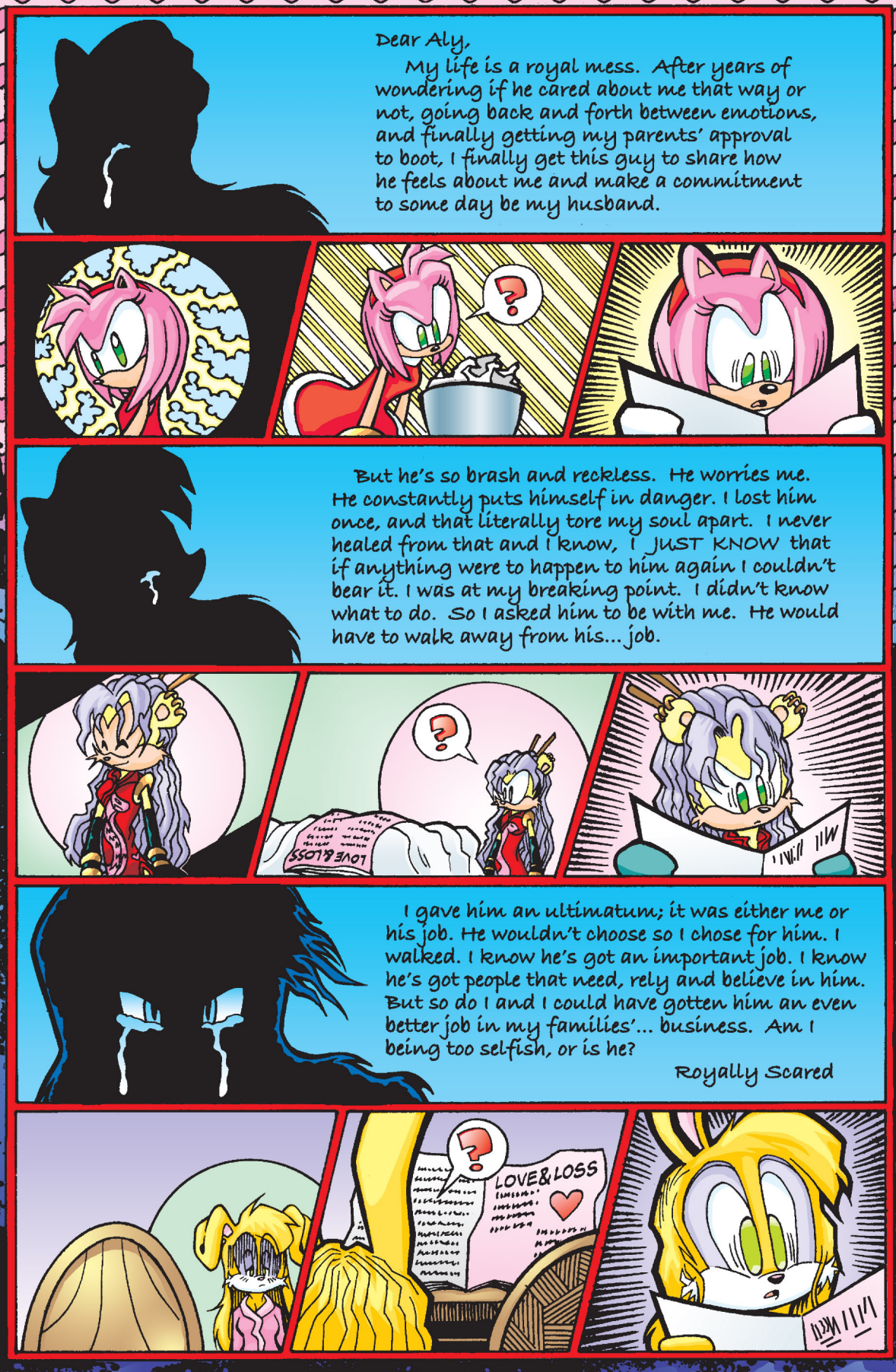
So, what I am trying to tell you is that being in the middle is a good place to be. You can learn from your past and look forward to your future.



You may not realize it now, but you are not stuck in the middle. You are coming up to the beginning of new things. And when you realize this you will be tickled pink. That's the moment when you will know and remember what I write here today.

Signed,
Aly




Dear Aly,
My life is a royal mess. After years of wondering if he cared about me that way or not, going back and forth between emotions, and finally getting my parents' approval to boot, I finally get this guy to share how he feels about me and make a commitment to some day be my husband.
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But he's so brash and reckless. He worries me. He constantly puts himself in danger. I lost him once, and that literally tore my soul apart. I never healed from that and I know, I JUST KNOW that if anything were to happen to him again I couldn't bear it. I was at my breaking point. I didn't know what to do. So I asked him to be with me. He would have to walk away from his... job.
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LOVE & LOSS
I gave him an ultimatum; it was either me or his job. He wouldn't choose so I chose for him. I walked. I know he's got an important job. I know he's got people that need, rely and believe in him. But so do I and I could have gotten him an even better job in my families'... business. Am I being too selfish, or is he?
Royally Scared
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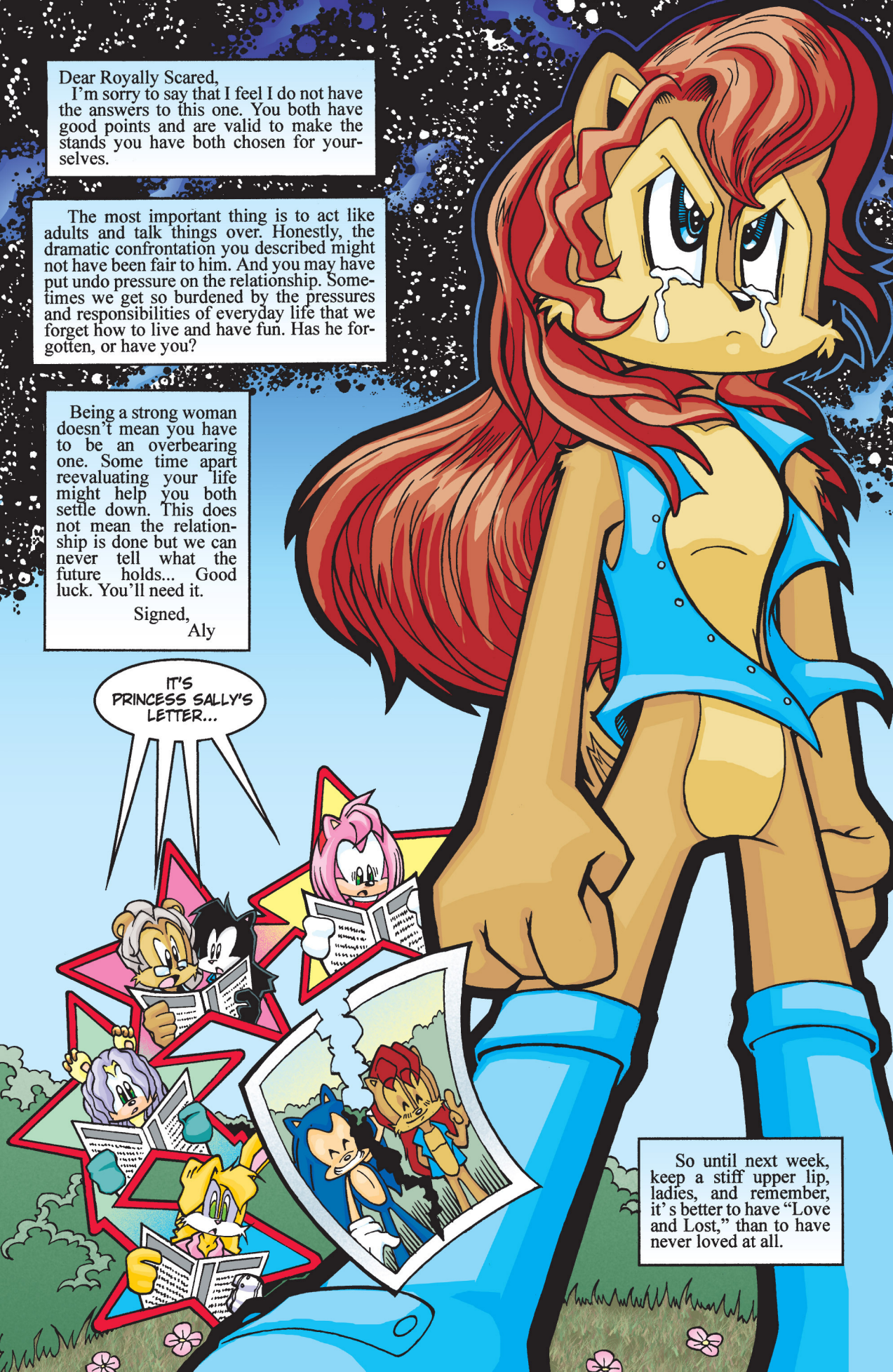
LOVE & LOSS


Dear Royally Scared,
I'm sorry to say that I feel I do not have the answers to this one. You both have good points and are valid to make the stands you have both chosen for yourselves.
The most important thing is to act like adults and talk things over. Honestly, the dramatic confrontation you described might not have been fair to him. And you may have put undo pressure on the relationship. Sometimes we get so burdened by the pressures and responsibilities of everyday life that we forget how to live and have fun. Has he forgotten, or have you?
Being a strong woman doesn't mean you have to be an overbearing one. Some time apart reevaluating your life might help you both settle down. This does not mean the relationship is done but we can never tell what the future holds... Good luck. You'll need it.
Signed,
Aly
IT'S PRINCESS SALLY'S LETTER...
So until next week, keep a stiff upper lip, ladies, and remember, it's better to have "Love and Lost," than to have never loved at all.

SO WHAT DO WE HAVE TONIGHT?
Hopefully no more decoy letters.
I THINK THAT LETTER WILL STOP ANY FURTHER INQUISITIONS.
N.I.C.O.L.E.
LET'S SEE. WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?
Princess...
Dear Aly,
My friend and I have been, I guess you would say single for quite some time. We are both greatly involved with the younger generation of our area. He has been through so much and is so busy. I often wonder if he has any interest in a relationship with me. I was wondering if you could give this pretty old flower some seeds of hope...
Looking Through Rose Colored Glasses
You began "Love and Loss" in secret to help other people deal with their relationships. It became a therapeutic outlet for you, and helped you through your own traumas.
When... Sonic...
KNOTHOLE NEWS
DEAR ALY
KNOTHOLE NEWS
SONIC, HE WAS MY LIFE... MY LOVE. BUT WHEN SONIC WAS GONE, I WASN'T AS STEADFAST AS I CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN. THERE WERE NIGHTS WHERE IT HURT TOO MUCH HAVING HIM IN MY MIND AND MY HEART. WITH THE LOSS OF HIS LOVE I FELL APART. BUT THEN SOMETHING OPENED MY EYES AND I SAW MY PEOPLE. I SAW WHAT THE WAR WITH EGGMAN HAD DONE TO THEM, AND SEEING IT AGAIN REMINDED ME ABOUT SOMETHING.
IT'S TRUE, NICOLE. I LOVE SONIC... BUT I LOVE MY PEOPLE MORE. AND I'LL DO ANYTHING I CAN TO HELP THEM.
NICOLE. IT'S TIME FOR "ALY" TO HELP HER PEOPLE.
FIN

THE ACORN ROYAL FAMILY

DATA-FILE:

King: Maximilian Acorn
Queen: Alicia Acorn
Son (*Renounced throne*)**:** Prince Elias Acorn
Daughter-in-law: Megan Acorn
Granddaughter: *(Not Shown)* Alexis
Daughter: Princess Sally Alicia Acorn

HISTORY: The royal family has shown great leadership through the ages. This has especially been proven in recent years when they helped relocate the misplaced citizens of Mobotropolis after the evil rise of Dr. Robotnik, leading them to what is now known as the Kingdom of Knothole. Finally some stability has come to the crown as of late. Prince Elias, the first in line for the crown, has recently renounced his throne after a brief time as ruler, to be with his new wife, Megan, and daughter, Alexis. Though still a presence within the royal family, he is no longer involved with any of the functions of leadership. The King and Queen are currently touring Mobius to build an alliance against Dr. Robotnik's Eggman empire. Presently, Princess Sally has been governing the kingdom in her father's absence. As the only remaining heir to the crown, this current role shall prepare her to one day become Queen.

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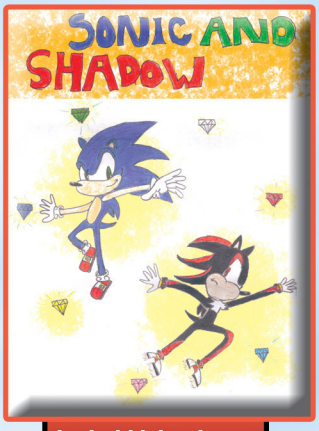

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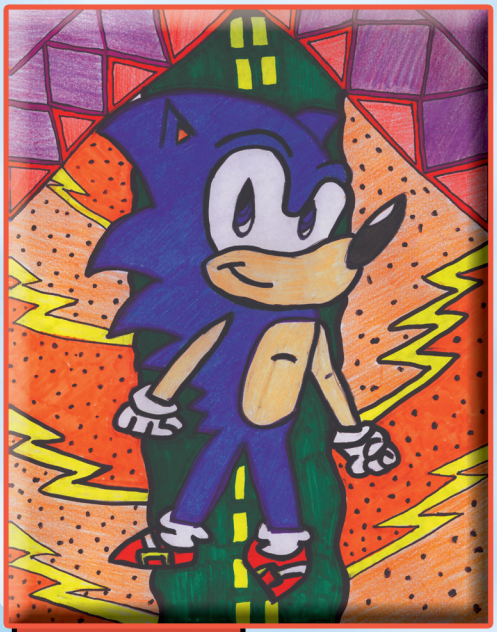

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LETTERS

DUE TO THE OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF FAN RESPONSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLY TO EACH FAN. SPACE LIMITATIONS MAY REQUIRE SOME PRINTED LETTERS TO BE EDITED. ALL YOUR LETTERS ARE APPRECIATED!

Dear Sonic-Grams, I am a really, really, really, really big fan of Sonic! I got hooked on his comics only a couple of months ago. I was looking through a book store when I saw one of Sonic's comics on a shelf. I looked through it over and over, and have been buying these comics ever since. I was wondering something: could you put Shadow the Hedgehog in your comics?

Check out next issue when we kick off a big time showdown between Sonic and Shadow!

I'd like to see him and Sonic fight!!

We can arrange that.

I'd like to talk about Sonic for pages and pages, but that will take way too long. By the way, I'm 11-years-old. This is from Sonic's biggest fan!!

-MATT BENKARSKI
DETROIT, MI

Dear Sonic-Grams, My favorite hero is Tails. I really like the other heroes, like Sonic and Knuckles. I like Tails because he has two tails. Can you make some more Tails comic books?

For all the Tails fans out there, issues 147-151 will feature a lot of the little guy. In case you missed it the first time, you can order the TAILS mini-series from the SONIC CHECKLIST!
(Shameless Plug #1)

I have never heard of Mina the Mongoose. What kind of animal is she?

Um ...Mina the Mongoose is a mongoose, a species of the genus Herpestes. Learn more about the mongoose at your local library and learn more about Mina with the SONIC CHECKLIST!
(Shameless Plug #2)

-VIVI VALENZUELA
COLEVILLE, CA

Dear whoever writes these cool stories, I was wondering if you could put Cream, Cheese, Chocola, and Vanilla from SONIC X?

We have a brand new SONIC X mini-series coming out summer 2005. All your favorites will show up. It is going to be "X" cellent! Does that sound cool?

That might be cool, thanks.

-CLINT EDWARDS
E-MAILED TO: SONIC@ARCHIECOMICS.COM

I just want to say that the comics are great. I only have issues 133 to 141 and...

What about 1-132? And the SUPER SPECIALS? And the mini-series? And the KNUCKLES series? And the trade paper backs and...sorry. I'm calm now. But, you might want to give the SONIC CHECKLIST a look.
(Shameless Plug #3)

I have all the Sonic video games for GAMECUBE and I can't wait until the next one. Do you guys know if there is a new SONIC video game coming out?

I'm sure you can expect some new Sonic games in the future. In the meantime check out SEGA SUPER-STARS, SONIC MEGA COLLECTION, and SONIC HEROES.

Also, can you guys put Amy in the Comics?

Yup! Amy was just featured last issue, and some more stories coming up too.

I saw her in the comics, and she is my favorite!

-ALYSON YOUNGSTON
CANADA

Greetings SONIC-GRAMS. First let me say a big warm WELCOME to Mike! I've been collecting the comics for over a year now after a long hiatus in which I occupied myself with the Sonic games instead. (Though I never could beat SONIC 3)

I know what you mean, I spent like two weeks on the second board of SONIC HEROES. At times like that the best way to relax after a good Sonic game is some good Sonic comics! Any you missed on your hia-tus you can find with the SONIC CHECKLIST!
(Shameless Plug #4)

Anyway, I have to tell you that your character Mina is the Mobian incarnation of my best friend. Her nickname is Mina, her fave colours are purple and yellow, and she loves to sing. It FREAKED me out the first time I saw her in the comic about a year ago!

Yeah, I started growing blue spikes when I started.

I love where y'all are going with this, especially with Sal and Sonic. My personal fave part of the series at the moment is, of course, MOBIUS 25 YEARS LATER!

So how did you like the conclusion? Don't worry, we will be doing some more M25YL... in the future!

(Lara-Su is cool!) I wish you all many more years of prosperous work. May this comic live FOREVER!

-SIÂNY (pronounced Sharny) GREGORY
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Dear Sonic-Grams, I am a new fan of the Sonic comics. I have been reading them since issue 140.

Welcome aboard. In case you weren't aware, you can get your favorite back issues with the SONIC CHECKLIST page in this comic.
(Shameless Plug #5)

Something's been bugging me, what the heck is Knuckles? If you could answer that, that would be great.

Echidna (Tachyglossus Aculeatus) or the spiny anteater, is one of only two species of mammals called Monotremes, the other the platypus. Learn more about echidnas at your local library. Learn more about Knuckles with the SONIC CHECKLIST!
(Shameless Plug #6)

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You never can tell what the future may hold. When I started at ARCHIE several years ago, becoming editor of SONIC and an upcoming SONIC X mini-series was not something I saw coming. On the other hand, somethings make so much sense that they are very easy to predict, like fan favorite Spaz doing covers for both SONIC and the new SONIC X mini-series! (Coming summer 2005) But, I betcha' saw that one coming.

So, did anyone see the ending of M25YL coming?

I didn't think so. That is the trick to the future, some events make perfect sense, like SONIC becoming king. While other events, like TAILS and MINA marrying, seem almost impossible. A lot of fans requested that I clear up if this M25YL future is certain, or just a possibility. Well, it is a little bit of both. What this feature is, simply put is a look to the future based on Sonic's past and present.

However, to be honest, what I or anybody on the book says about the future really doesn't matter. Your's is the opinion that really matters! If all the fans of this book demand that we put Sonic in a dress, you can guess the blue blur will be in a dress. That means what you want for the future is up to you, SONIC'S fans. So just like in life, the future is what you want to make it!

I can't wait to read what you think. See 'ya in the future!

MIKE

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SONIC 145

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The Return of Shadow starts! A mysterious foe, an innocent and the unknown!

TRAINING DAY:
Robotnik trains his newest creations.

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An explosion in the distance signals the worst threat for Sonic and the Freedom Fighters!

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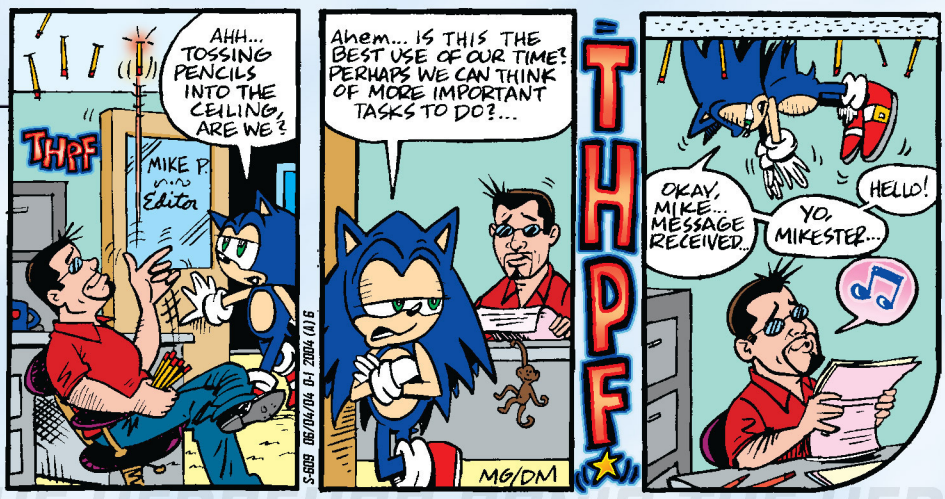
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